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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the 50th anniversary of the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture.

Whereas during the term of President Dwight David Eisenhower and the era of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, it became apparent that the development of external markets was needed to ensure the financial viability of the agricultural sector of the United States;

Whereas the Foreign Agricultural Service was established on March 10, 1953, to develop and expand markets for United States agricultural commodities and products;

Whereas the Foreign Agricultural Service has represented agricultural interests of the United States during a period of expansion of United States agricultural exports from

less than \$3,000,000,000 in 1953 to more than \$50,000,000,000 in 2002; and

Whereas the number of organizations engaged in the public and private partnership established by the Foreign Agricultural Service to promote United States agricultural exports has grown from 1 organization in 1955 to more than 80 organizations in 2003, with market development and expansion occurring in nearly every global marketplace: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) on the 50th anniversary of the establish-
3 ment of the Foreign Agricultural Service on March
4 10, 1953, recognizes the Service for—

5 (A) cooperating with, and leading, the
6 United States agricultural community in devel-
7 oping and expanding export markets for United
8 States agricultural commodities and products;

9 (B) identifying the private partners capa-
10 ble of carrying out the mission of the Service;

11 (C) identifying and expanding markets for
12 United States agricultural commodities and
13 products;

14 (D) introducing innovative and creative
15 ways of expanding the markets;

16 (E) providing international food assistance
17 to feed the hungry worldwide;

1 (F) addressing unfair barriers to United
2 States agricultural exports;

3 (G) implementing strict procedures gov-
4 erning the use and evaluation of programs and
5 funds of the Service; and

6 (H) overseeing the use of taxpayers dollars
7 to carry out programs of the Service; and

8 (2) declares that March 10, 2003, is a day
9 recognizing—

10 (A) the 50th anniversary of the establish-
11 ment of the Foreign Agricultural Service; and

12 (B) the contributions of the Foreign Agri-
13 cultural Service and employees and partners of
14 the Service to agriculture in the United States.